

2008 Tax Year Preparation Information

As the tax deadline (April 15, 2009) for the 2008 tax year approaches, OISSS would like to provide you with a number of resources to help you meet your tax obligations. If you had income in 2008, you will be required to file a federal and state income tax return; If you worked in more than one state you will be required to file several state tax returns.

CINTAX:

Brown University has purchased another license which provides current international students and scholars with access to CINTAX, an online tax filing preparation system for nonresidents for tax purposes.

To log on to CINTAX please go to http://brown.edu/Administration/OISSS/general_info/tax_cintax.html

Nonimmigrants who are considered residents for tax purposes will not be able to use CINTAX to prepare their federal tax returns. However, the CINTAX program will assist you in determining if you qualify for filing as a resident or nonresident for tax purposes. Residency determination will depend on the length of time you been in the U.S.

In addition, all nonresident students, scholars and their dependents in F-1, F-2, J-1 or J-2 status must file Form 8843 "Statement for Exempt Individuals and Individuals with a Medical Condition". This form must be filed even if you received no income in 2008. Form 8843 is not an income tax return. It is an informational statement required by the U.S. government for nonresident aliens in F-1, F-1, J-1 or J-2 status. CINTAX can provide you assistance with this form as well.

If there are any problems, send an email to the CINTAX Support Center at support@cintax.us. CINTAX will respond to questions via email only.

If you are a nonresident with no income during 2008 and only need to file Form 8843. Please download the form at <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8843.pdf>

Income State Tax Return:

CINTAX will not assist you with the preparation of your state income tax return. For forms related to your Rhode Island returns, visit the <http://www.tax.state.ri.us/forms/2008/Personal/2008%20Nonresident%20Booklet.pdf>

For information on filing other state tax returns please go to <http://www.taxadmin.org/fta/link/forms.html>

For hands on assistance with the filing of your state tax return please complete the federal tax return first before visiting the Rhode Island Division of Taxation, One Capitol Hill (1st floor), Providence, RI 02908, Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 4 P.M. For directions please visit <http://www.tax.ri.gov/contact/>

Important: You will need to bring your completed federal tax return forms and other applicable documentation with you.

Additional assistance for residents for tax purposes: The International Institute of Rhode Island <http://www.iiri.org/> offers free tax assistance to low to moderate income families. Walk-in hours are Saturdays from 9 A.M. and 12 P.M. For an appointment please call 401- 461-5940 during business hours.

INFORMATIONAL TAX WORKSHOP FOR NONIMMIGRANTS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2009

9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

Career Development Center Library, 167 Angell Street – across from Brown Office Building

Presenter(s): Miguelina Chevalier, Senior Tax Specialist, Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

Rita Gandhi, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

This Q & A session is geared toward nonimmigrant students and scholars, who after going through CINTAX or filling out their resident tax forms still have questions related to their annual federal tax return. If applicable please bring your tax forms (e.g. 1040 NR (EZ) (downloaded from CINTAX), 1040 (EZ) (if resident for tax purposes) Form 8843, W-2 and/or 1042S).

Please note: International students and scholars who are considered nonresidents for tax purpose, are expected to utilize the online federal tax filing program CINTAX (accessible through the OISSS website prior to coming to the session). Questions pertaining to CINTAX should be directed to the CINTAX Support Center at support@cintax.us.

State income tax questions should be addressed directly with the Rhode Island Division of Taxation.